

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Last week, a West Nile infected chicken was found in a flock kept near Division Street by the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. Although the Control District is working in collaboration with the County Public Health to increase their surveillance in that area, it is essential that the County Public Health sustain and increase their efforts with the Public Health Speakers Bureau to outreach to City Councils, Town Councils, and other community organizations in the cities and rural areas. This is necessary to educate the community on how to prevent humans and animals from becoming infected with the West Nile Virus.

Currently, the County's Public Health Educators and Public Health Nurses have coordinated West Nile Virus education meetings with the Town Councils in the Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth, Quartz Hill, the Rural Town Council Association, conducted outreach to seniors groups, and distributed information on West Nile Virus to local horse owners. As more West Nile Virus cases are identified, it is important to pursue every avenue to protect individuals and animals from the virus.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Public Health Office to continue their collaborative efforts for surveillance and mosquito control with the Mosquito and Vector Control Districts and those rural areas such as the Antelope Valley. These efforts are to include educational meetings and outreach activities regarding West Nile Virus to horse owners, animal supply stores, adult day care centers, senior homes, and other community groups that can be identified to reinforce the necessary precautions of using mosquito repellents and eliminating water sources that may harbor mosquitoes with a written activity report in 30 days.

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